

### **REMARKS**

This amendment responds to the office action mailed July 18, 2006. Claims 1 – 13, 16, 19, and 20 are pending.

In the office action the Examiner:

- assigned effective filing dates of: 11/5/1990 for claims 1 and 2, 7/9/1992 for claims 3 and 7, 6/21/1993 for claims 4-6, 8-13, 19, and 20; and 7/30/03 for claims 14, 15, 17, and 18;
- rejected claims 14, 15, 17, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Lee et al U.S. 5,911,835, Lee U.S. 5,672,577, or Lee U.S. 6,000,411; and
- provisionally rejected claims 1-20 as unpatentable under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/442,858.

Regarding the effective filing dates, although Applicants do not agree with the filing dates assigned by the Examiner for any of the claims, the issue is moot based on deleting claims 14, 15, 17, and 18.

Claims 14, 15, 17, and 18 are deleted without prejudice. It is still understood that the claims these depend from cover organic acids as chelating agents.

Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer relating to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/442,858, obviating the provisional rejection to that application.

Accordingly, because there were no prior art rejections to claims 1-13, 16, 19, and 20 other than the now obviated obviousness type double patenting provisional rejection and because no amendments to those claims were made herein, these claims are now in form for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

For the present response, other than the petition or terminal disclaimer included herewith, it is not believed that any fee is due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any

additional fee required or credit any overpayment for this response, the petition or terminal disclaimer, to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,



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